

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

It was good to see such a wide representation from Heppner and the surrounding area at last Thursday night's Town Meeting. Representatives of government agencies and assorted private citizens seemed to be exchanging facts and feelings and hopefully progressing toward reasonable recommendations to be sent on to Salem and Washington, D.C.

Several remarked that they think this open meeting was a good way to bring the national welfare policy into focus although our rural situation differs tremendously from the urban slums where welfare has been the only way of life for many for generation after generation. Pat Brindle, Cathy Peck and others are commended for their skill in arranging the meeting.

Much concern is being felt and expressed over the hospitalization of Amanda Duvall and Freida Majeske.

Two single, "not-even-engaged", young women have come from Portland to make their new homes in Heppner. Patti Ralston and Annette Snider will be assisting Heppner's new dentist, Dr. Hazen, in the Dental Clinic up on Hospital Hill.

As Patti and Annette were looking around their new community they toured the museum and the library and blended in with the Y.C.C. persons who usually come there on Thursday evenings.

Martha King, who helps with many causes, is among the volunteers who are now operating the library during the 10 hours it is open to the general public. Most of them have been scheduled for two hours duty every other week by the volunteer coordinator Mary Pat Lande.

Several weeks ago, Oregon's very famous pet coyote "Kelpie" was in Heppner visiting animal lover Lois Winchester at her shop. Lois reports that he looked scrawny and scared and that his loving family, Cheryl Moore and two of her children, were comforting him as they traveled on to their Spray home. Mrs. Moore is a special friend of Lois and wanted her to see how poor Kelpie looked after his long imprisonment.

There is no pet census for our county, but recently I've wondered if we don't have as many animals as people. Many kittens and puppies and their parents have been pleasing and teaching children and worrying some adults.

We enjoy seeing horses and their riders about town these summer evenings. As we drove out to Butter Creek last week we were fascinated by the graceful colts among the horses near the Don Greenup home.

Quite a few townpeople are strolling around during the evening hours. We've noticed grandparents Bob and Sue Jones and their daughter out strolling and letting the little Hedman-Jones grandchild get acquainted with this town where Bobette and Dale have returned to live since Dale completed his army duty.

It is so good to see Edda Mae Lovgren, who has had a long illness, being able to walk around outside again. She says she is gradually building up the distance she can stroll.

Last weekend saw more family reunions here. The largest must have been the McDaniel Family gathering at Anson Wright Park. We hear that Theta and Bob Lowe, who are at Cutsforth Park these summer Sundays, were meeting with Theta's three sisters and friends there.

Lorena and Bob Shuman had a good-sized family gathering last weekend at their home where friends joined them to help celebrate the marriage of the Shuman's daughter Jeanne.

Next Thursday evening the public is invited to the County Museum for some craft demonstrations. It is good to know that the large room there is going to be used for an educational event. The museum is one of the area's outstanding educational institutions and welcomes more public usage.

Mrs. Carey Hastings and Mrs. Larry Cook spent a week recently visiting in the valley.

Mrs. Hastings visited her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Roger Connor at Forest Grove, while Mrs. Cook visited the Perry Adams family in McMinnville. While there, Mrs. Hastings spent a very enjoyable outing at the beach with the Connors and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gamel.

While in the vicinity, Mrs. Cook renewed an old acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Catherman who have lived in McMinnville for many years.

Seehafer reunion held Sunday

A family reunion was held at the W.G. Seehafer home in Boardman on Sunday, July 17 with all their six daughters and their families present.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ballweg with their sons, Eric, Scott and Brent, traveled the longest distance, arriving from Fort Worth, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tavaras with daughters, Shannon and Janet Essex came from Sacramento, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holderman drove up from Phil-

omath, while Mrs. Ray Smith, her son, Melvin Gaarsland; Mr. and Mrs. John Gaarsland with their family, Nathan and Jo Dee; Mrs. Smith's daughter, Elaine with her children,

Angela Palmer, Leslie and Travis Johnston came from Baker.

Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tye from Enterprise, with their family Roberta, Ruth, Renee, Loretta, John and Joe and a friend, Mike Wright from Baker. Also Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaughn who now reside in Boardman were present.

A picnic was enjoyed in the yard, pictures were taken and there was lots of visiting before many of the families had to head home.

Mr. and Mrs. Seehafer will be celebrating their 55th anniversary in August but it was more convenient for their family to come at this time.

Schlichting, Jensen exchange vows

Former Heppner residents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schlichting, announce the wedding of their son, William John

Schlichting, to Debra Lynn Jensen, June 4, 1977.

The evening ceremony took place at Emanuel Lutheran



Mr. and Mrs. John Schlichting

Shannon Farley honored July 18

Shannon Farley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Farley, Heppner, was honored at a large bridal shower at St. Patrick's Hall on July 18. Shannon is the bride-elect of Mark Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tad Miller, Lexington.

The eight hostesses for the shower were: Laurel Van Marter, Gwen Healy, Norma French, Sue Jones, Patty Prock, Bev Gunderson, Vern Batty and Beverly Sherman.

Decorations were in orange and yellow, and the large cakes made by Mary Ann McElligott also featured those colors chosen by the bride.

Melba Miller and Kay Anderson presided at the refreshment table.

The sister of the bride-to-be, Tricia Halvorsen, Hermiston, and her small daughter, Aimee, along with Michelle Miller Burns, helped the honoree open her gifts and display them to the guests.

Carris, Schlichting announce engagement

A September 24 wedding is planned for Jan Marie Schlichting and Jon David Carris, currently of Fresno, Cal.

Jan, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schlichting, are former Heppner residents and the engagement announcement was made at a cocktail party at the home of the future bride's parents home, Whiskey Creek Ranch,

North Fork, Cal.

Carris, formerly of Packwood, Iowa, recently completed his military service at Lemoore Naval Air Station

and is presently attending Fresno City College. Jan is a 1971 graduate of Heppner High School and is now employed as a receptionist at Winegar Insurance in Fresno.

Gontys attend Hemrich reunion

Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Gonty, son Tom and daughter Virginia "E.V." Blevins, Ukiah, with her daughter Pam spent the weekend of July 9 and 10 at a Hemrich family reunion (Eleanor's family) on the Kalama River near Kelso, Wash. at the Charles Hemrich cabin.

This was the first gathering of the family in over eight years. Present were Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Gonty and son Bob of Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Hemrich of Valley Springs, Cal. and their son Kurt and his family of Santa Maria, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Altishin and family of Portland; the Charles Hemrichs and the five who traveled from Heppner.

The Gonty's youngest son, Doug, who is stationed in Greece with the U.S. Air Force Security Police, had asked his brother Tom to drive his van to the reunion to transfer it to their brother Ray who took it to Seattle where it will be shipped to Doug in Greece.

Doug sent word home that he is very impressed with his

work, with the Greek people, with the exciting scenery and with Greek food.

After the reunion, the E.E. Gontys and grandson Bob visited Harvey Hart, a cousin of Ed's at Longview. Their grandson Bob from Seattle returned to Heppner with the Gontys to visit here for three weeks.

Padbergs receive visitor

Bill Greer, a former resident of Heppner now living in Los Angeles, Cal., paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Padberg for a few hours on July 6. The following week, the Padbergs went to Condon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Padberg's brother, Lester who passed away July 11. The funeral services were held July 14.

Church, Fresno, Cal. with Rev. Eisberg officiating at the double ring rite. The bride wore a full length candle-light gown trimmed with lace and pearls. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses and baby breath. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Ronald Erickson of Minneapolis, Minn.

Peggy Schlichting, Fresno, Cal. was maid of honor, Mark Schlichting, North Fork, Cal. was best man. Kelly McGonigal, Juneau, Ala., was usher. Special guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Heider, Saugus, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Al Heider, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. William Wright, Azusa, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Adair, Huntington Park, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. George Schaad, Dayton, Nev.; and Mr. and Mrs. Reid Lowery and sons, Strathmore, Cal.

Following a reception at the Tropicana Lodge, the newlyweds left for Southern California to visit points of interest. The couple is now at home in Madera, Cal. Debra is employed at Duncan Ceramics, Fresno and the groom is a deputy with the Madera County Sheriff's Department.

William is a 1970 graduate of Heppner High School.

Library board to meet

Members of the Board of Directors of the Heppner Public Library will meet on Wednesday evening, July 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

The monthly board meeting is open to the public.

Methodists plan coming events

Rev. Steve Tollefson announces several coming activities for Heppner United Methodists and their friends.

Next Sunday, July 24, following the 10 a.m. morning worship service there will be a special meeting in the church basement to allow persons to express their views on how the church can reach out in this town and in our world to further the Christian mission.

That evening at 5 p.m., also in the church basement, the high school group, the Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship, will meet to plan some summertime fun activities.

The annual Methodist church family picnic is scheduled for July 31. As has long

been customary, it will be held in the Courthouse Park. Mary Jean McCabe, Mary Kennison and Rita Hedman are the committee in charge of planning this year's anticipated event.

From August 2-6, Vicki Tollefson will be representing the Heppner church at a School of Missions in Eugene which has been arranged by the Oregon-Idaho Conference.

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